

1961
ANNUAL
REPORT



POLICE DEPARTMENT
OF THE TOWN OF
PROVINCETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS

THE TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

ORGANIZATION

CHIEF

Francis H. Marshall

SERGEANT

George F. St. Amand

PATROLMEN

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Richard G. Christopher
Warren R. Crawley, Jr.

Manuel H. Jason Jr.
James J. Meads
Frank Veara

STENOGRAPHER

Miriam A. Martin

For Emergency Call 567 or 165

Mr. Walter E. Lawrence
Town Manager
Town of Provincetown
Provincetown, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Lawrence,

I take great pleasure in submitting for your approval our yearly report for 1961.

This is the first time that this department has submitted a report in book form.

This book has been made available through Chester G. Peck Jr., owner and manager of the Provincetown Inn.

The additional space made available enables us to give you, the Board of Selectmen, and the public a better and clearer understanding of the Provincetown Police Department's strength, weakness, accomplishments and costs.

I am quite proud to be the head of a department that has kept Provincetown free of any serious crimes.

I point with pride to our statistics which reveals no known murders or serious sex crimes and only three (3) robberies in the past year.

Our juvenile prevention program also seems worthy of special attention.

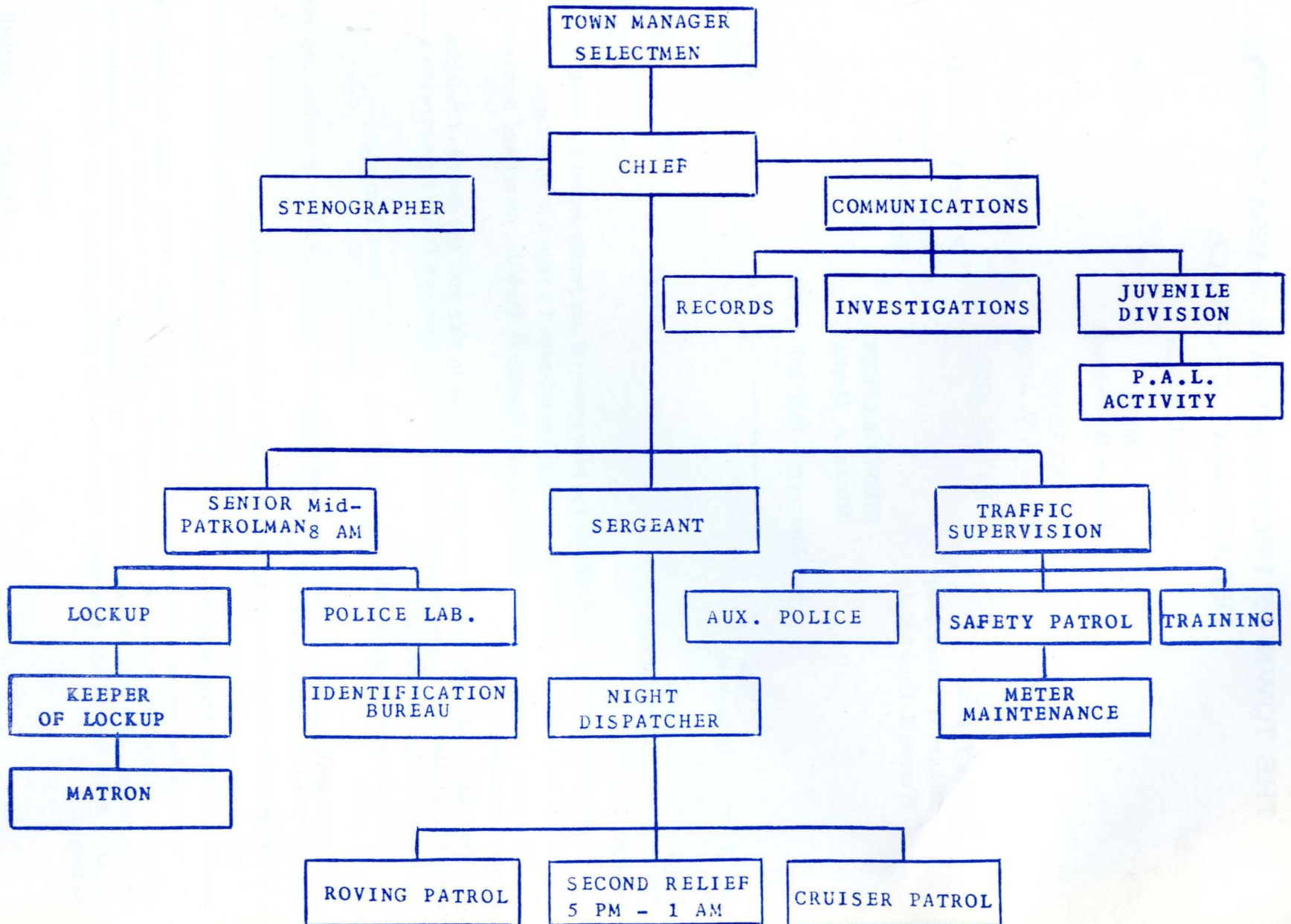
Our citizens and public officers are also deserving of commendation for making this record possible. Without their help, our job would be more difficult indeed.

Our town has grown; traffic is an ever increasing problem; society seems to depend more and more on the uniformed officer for assistance to enable us to live in harmony in today's complex existence. However, we are not overly apprehensive, with intelligent planning and cooperation from elected and appointed officials and the public, we look with confidence toward the future.

Sincerely,

Francis H. Marshall
Chief of Police

ORGANIZATION OF THE PROVINCETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT 1961



ARRESTS:

The total number of arrests for the year was 282 excluding parking violations totaling 1,553. This represents a decrease of 24.8% less than total arrests reported for 1960. This high percentage of decreased arrests is reflected primarily in the lesser numbers of violations in the road and driving laws. Arrests for road and driving laws shows a decrease of 50.5% less than 1960. This we feel is attributed to the great use of our safety patrol program, stricter no fix ticket and continuous enforcement of these violations.

TRAINING PROGRAM:

Five weeks in the months of January and February, regular officers and all auxiliary officers attended a Police Training School conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Massachusetts State Police. These officers received training in the following subjects:

Date	Subject	Instructor
1-10-61	Arson	George F. Killen
1-11-61	Chemical Analysis	Dr. Arthur J. McBay
1-12-61	Criminal Law	Deputy Chief George Murphy
1-17-61	Narcotics	George F. Killen
1-18-61	Ballistics and Film "Dedicated to You"	John F. Collins
1-19-61	Note Taking	Chief Francis H. Marshall
1-24-61	Jurisdiction of the FBI and Cooperative	William H. Carpenter
1-25-61	Searches, of Persons, Places and things	John F. Toomey, Jr.
1-26-61	Collection, Identifications and Preservation of Evidence	John F. Toomey, Jr.
1-31-61	Investigation procedures	Bruno W. Wilson
2-1-61	Interviews, interrogations, signed statements	Bruno W. Wilson
2-2-61	Testifying in Court	Bruno W. Wilson

A course in photography was completed by Officer Richard G. Christopher held at the State Police Identification Bureau at 1010 Commonwealth Avenue for a period of three months.

From April 1 to May 12, Officers Manuel H. Jason, Jr. and James J. Meads attended the State Police Academy at Framingham.

From October 30 to November 10th, Chief Francis H. Marshall attended the Federal Bureau of Investigation Police Administration School in Boston.

A regular First Aid Course was held in February for all members of the department under the direction of John R. Tulis, safety director of the American Red Cross.

In June, a two week course was held in the use of the resuscitator and the inhalator for all members of the Police Department conducted by Captain Joseph Dutra of the Rescue Squad.

On February 3, Chief Marshall attended the Criminal Identification conference at the Otis Air Force Base in conjunction with the Otis Air Police and all law enforcement agents.

EQUIPMENT:

The department purchased a new four door station wagon which is fully equipped with life rings with 150 feet of rope, resuscitator, inhalator, flares, stretcher, blankets, two way radio and all first aid equipment. This car has been used on many occasions in response to emergency calls. This cruiser can be converted into an emergency ambulance at a moment's notice.

ANALYSIS OF POLICE PAY ROLL

Actual Number	Steps In Years	Grade	Weekly Pay	Annual Salary
1	3	Chief	\$102.29	\$4855.00
1	2	Sergeant	86.87	4122.00
2	3	Patrolmen	80.83	3837.00
1	2	Patrolmen	77.29	3667.00
1	2	Patrolmen	76.52	3640.00
1	1	Patrolmen	74.93	3582.00
1	1	Patrolmen	73.75	3540.00
1	1	Stenographer	61.87	2970.00
2		Summer Patrolmer	73.75	2700.00
1		Jailer	15.62	750.00
1		Matron	10.00 each assignment	200.00
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ANALYSIS OF WORK SCHEDULE

During the past year, the total number of working hours for the department was as follows:

Working Hours	21,719
Special Details	870
Court Room Time	357½
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Total	22,946½

Each member of the department works a 48 hour week and is entitled to a two week vacation, 10 holidays and 12 days sick leave.

When an Officer has served on the department for a period of 10 years or more, he is entitled to a three week vacation.

Sixty-four (64) working hours were lost through sickness or injury incurred while in the line of duty.

ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURES

	1960	1961
1. Salaries and Wages	\$32,361.28	\$37,614.24
2. Outside services	850.00	880.00
3. Travel Commitments (investigations, conferences)	160.00	400.34
4. Radio (new cruiser radio 1961)	55.00	585.44
5. Telephone	420.00	539.00
6. Food for Prisoners	50.00	50.00
7. Heating Gas	41.40	24.30
8. Office Supplies	338.08	384.88
9. Equipment	672.19	580.00
10. Photography	000.00	713.19
11. Gasoline and Oil (2 cruisers)	500.00	1,347.06
12. Service and Repairs	486.28	657.82
13. Tires and Tubes	182.00	241.60
14. Cruiser Insurance (2 cruisers)	280.00	517.39
15. Education (ammunition included)	600.00	293.15
16. New Cruiser and utilities	000.00	2,697.24
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Totals	\$36,996.23	\$47,525.65

The following monies were turned over to the Town Treasurer:

Worker's Identification Cards	\$1,240.00
Police Reports	103.90
Fines	237.00
Parking Meter (collections)	1,623.25
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Totals	\$3,204.15

ACCIDENTS:

Accidents reported to this department during the year totaled 78. Of these accidents reported, 38 resulted in personal injury while none were fatal to those involved. These personal injury accidents reflect an increase of 5.3% while our total accident reports show a decrease of 8.1%. This decrease in our accident rate has been encouraging and we feel that with continued public support, increase of traffic safety education and if necessary, stricter traffic law enforcement, we can look to the future with complete confidence that our accident rates will decrease.

TRAFFIC SUMMARY AND MOTOR VEHICLE ARREST ANALYSIS

Comparative totals

1960		1961
85	Accidents	78
137	Vehicles	121
36	Injuries	38
2	Fatalities	0

Motor Vehicle Arrests

	1960 arrests	1960 summonses	1961 arrests	1961 summonses
Speeding	16	9	3	35
Operating to Endanger	15	4	13	12
Improper Equipment	14	0	7	1
Disobeying Traffic Sign or Light	8	1	1	4
Operating Without a License	6	0	8	3
Operating Without Registration	6	1	3	0
Operating After Suspension or Revocation of License	3	0	2	0
Allowing Improper Person to Operate Motor Vehicle	0	3	1	0
Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle	4	0	0	0
Leaving Scene of Accident	4	0	2	1
Operating Uninspected Motor Vehicle	4	3	1	1
All Other Violations	5	6	1	5
Totals	85	33	42	70

Parking Violations

1960	1961
2,322	1,553

With the help of the Massachusetts Safety Council, a complete traffic summary analysis was kept by this department for the year 1961.

COMPARISON OF ARRESTS FOR THE YEARS 1960 AND 1961

Offense:	1960	1961
1. Criminal homicide:		
(a) Murder and Non-negligent manslaughter	0	0
(b) Manslaughter by negligence	1	0
2. Forcible rape	0	0
3. Robbery	1	3
4. Aggravated Assault	0	1
5. Burglary, Breaking and Entering	9	2
6. Larceny—theft (except auto theft)	16	14
7. Auto Thefts	0	0
8. Other assaults	5	15
9. Forgery and counterfeiting	0	0
10. Embezzlement and Fraud	1	0
11. Stolen property (buying, receiving, possessing)	0	1
12. Weapons (carrying, possessing, etc.)	0	1
13. Prostitution and commercialized vice	0	0
14. Sex offenses	9	2
15. Offenses against family and children	4	4
16. Narcotic drug laws	0	1
17. Liquor Laws	2	0
18. Drunkenness	185	144
19. Disorderly conduct	8	4
20. Vagrancy	7	7
21. Gambling	0	0
22. Suspicion	0	5
23. Violation interstate commerce act	0	2
24. Unlawful flight to avoid prosecution	0	2
25. Driving while intoxicated	31	23
26. All other offenses except traffic	11	9
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Totals	290	240

**COMPARISON OF SUMMONSES SERVED FOR THE YEARS 1960 AND 1961
(except traffic)**

	1960	1961
Larceny	1	3
Annoying and Accosting		1
Non-Support	2	1
Delivering alcoholic beverages to a minor	4	1
Lewd and Lascivious Cohabitation		1
Impersonating a Police Officer		1
Unlawful carrying of a dangerous weapon		1
Fishing Violations		4
Cruelty to Animals	1	0
Violation of the Hunting Laws	2	0
Assault and Battery	5	2
Assault and Battery with a dangerous weapon	1	0
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Totals	16	15

AMOUNTS OF PROPERTY STOLEN AND PROPERTY RECOVERED

Property Reported Stolen 1961	\$22,898.45	Recovered	\$17,679.95
	\$5,218.50 not recovered		

IDENTIFICATION BUREAU

On March 1, 1961, this department set up an Identification Bureau which is responsible for the photographing and maintaining a complete fingerprint file.

After completing a three (3) months course in criminal identification and fingerprinting at the Massachusetts State Police Criminal Identification Bureau at 1010 Commonwealth Avenue, Officer Richard G. Christopher was put in charge of the Bureau and is responsible for its operation.

Since the establishment of this particular unit, eight hundred and twenty-four (824) sets of fingerprints have been submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Of these prints, six hundred and twenty (620) were applicants for work permits and two hundred and four (204) were from arrests.

Eighty-one (81) sets of fingerprints and pictures were taken of the members of the Fire Department and Rescue Squad for the purpose of identification to enable them to get through the fire lines without any discrimination.

According to the FBI files, the following percentages were established by this department:

Thirty-two (32) per cent of persons arrested by this department had prior arrest records.

Fourteen (14) per cent of persons applying for jobs in the Town of Provincetown had prior arrest records.

Through our identification bureau, arrests were made by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Secret Service and other departments for men wanted for Armed Robbery to forgery of government checks.

Two hundred and two (202) investigations were conducted through the use of this bureau to secure latent prints from breaking and enterings, stolen vehicles, personal property taken from establishments and vehicles, arson, etc. Included in these investigations are photographs of accidents.

Break downs of fingerprints and photographs are as follows:

FINGERPRINTS

	Female	Male
Applicant Identification Cards	213	407
Criminal	22	182
Fire and Rescue	1	80
Totals	236	669

PHOTOGRAPHS

Applicant Identifications Cards	620
Fire and Rescue	81
Police Investigation	121
Fire Department	10
Legal Department	17
Other Departments	54
Totals	903



The fingerprinting and photographing of all non-residents seeking employment in the Town of Provincetown was adopted and put into effect after the establishment of the Identification Bureau. A transcription of the law is as follows:

“This license is issued on condition that the holder of the license will require every employee, who is a non-resident of the Town, whether now or hereafter employed, to be registered with the Police Department of the Town, by submitting to the Department his or her name, address, place and date of birth, and further information for purposes of identification, including the taking of fingerprints and photograph, all to be on a form approved by the Board of Selectmen. A fee of Two Dollars (\$2.00) shall accompany each such application to defray the cost of processing same.

“A card will be issued by the Police Department, certifying that the employee or prospective employee has been duly registered and such card must be shown by such prospective employee to the licensee before he or she is hired.

“Failure of a licensee to see that this condition is complied with shall be grounds for suspension, revocation or other action concerning his license.”

This exemplary facet of the cooperation between the Town Manager, Board of Selectmen and the Police Department has been an invaluable asset in helping the Police Department to safeguard the welfare of the community.



COMMUNICATIONS

During the year of 1961, the Police Station was renovated by the members of the department and volunteer workers at which time a communication and record bureau was established which is now being manned twenty-four hours a day.

This communication center handles all telephone and radio calls and the dispatching of the Rescue Squad Truck, Lower Cape Ambulance and the cruisers.

When the dial system comes into existence, the communication center will house the fire alarm system and will be responsible for sounding all alarms.

The Fire Department's main station will be housed in the Communication center. In the event of a fire, the center will be staffed by members of the Fire Department.

This center has handled for the past year the following amounts of communication:

INCOMING	TELEPHONE CALLS	OUTGOING
11,250	16,400 total calls	5,150
	an average of 45 calls a day	
	RADIO CALLS	
INCOMING	29,000 total calls	OUTGOING
13,500	average of 79 calls per day	15,500

AMBULANCE

On March 1, 1961, at a meeting held by the directors of the Lower Cape Ambulance at the Chamber of Commerce Building at Provincetown, it was unanimously voted to turn over to this department the responsibility of dispatching and manning the Lower Cape Ambulance.

This was due to the fact that the resignation of its permanent driver had left no one to operate this service.

The ambulance was moved and garaged at the Red Cross building in Provincetown.

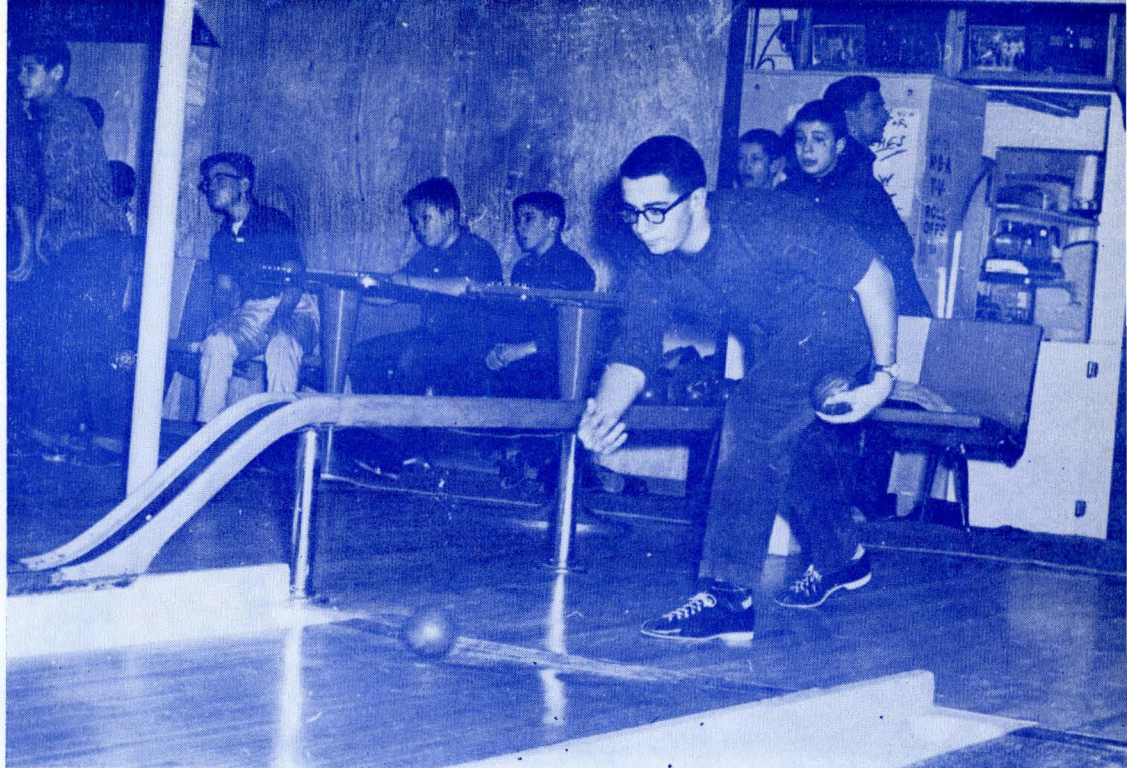
Since the ambulance was turned over to us in March, we have traveled 15,991 miles and have conveyed the sick and injured to the following hospitals:

Cape Cod Hospital	83
Pocasset	20
Davis Park Memorial	1
Massachusetts General	3
New England Baptist	1
Hyannis Rest Home	1
Taunton	1
Wellfleet (Local)	2
Truro (Local)	1
Providence, R. I.	1
Boston Children's Hospital	1
Orleans (Mutual Aid)	2
Local	4
North Eastern Medical Center	1
Otis	1
Boston Veteran's Hospital	1
Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary	1
Massachusetts Memorial Hospital	1
Yarmouth Boxwood Manor	1
Chelsea Naval Hospital	1
Tobey Hospital	4
Goddard Hospital	1

Total number of trips and persons transported

133





PROVINCETOWN POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE

The Provincetown Police Athletic League was organized in 1957 to help combat the rising tide of Juvenile Delinquency in our town.

The Club's first membership totaled ninety-two (92) boys and we now have one hundred and seventy-three registered in the organization.

By 1958, the League, having proved its need as an effective deterrent to Juvenile Delinquency, resulted in its being a full time program sponsored by the Police Department.

All our leaders are volunteer workers.

The PAL activities include weekly meetings, self-government, basketball, swimming, bowling, rifle club and many other activities six days a week. The following is a weekly schedule of their activities:

Monday	5:30 to 7:00 P. M. Basketball 7-9 years of age 7:00 to 9:00 P. M. Jr. Rifle Club
Tuesday	7:00 Meeting 8:00 to 9:30 P. M. Junior Basketball 14-16 years of age
Wednesday	6:00 P. M. to 7:30 P. M. Pee Wee Basketball 7:30 to 10:00 P. M. Senior Basketball
Thursday	7:00 to 8:30 P. M. Junior Basketball 7:00 to 10:00 P. M. Senior Basketball
Friday	6:30 P. M. to 7:30 P. M. Pee Wee Basketball 8:00 to 10:00 P. M. Dancing
Saturday	8:45 A. M. Bowling—15 teams composed of 80 to 85 boys Swimming at Otis Air Force Base

The expenses of running the Police Athletic League are made available through the generous contributions of our citizens and various organizations in our Town.

POLICE RELIEF ASSOCIATION

EQUIPMENT

June 14, 1961

2 dozen Air Force Blue ties	@ \$12.00	\$24.00
10 Blue whistles	@ 1.25	12.50
1 dozen nickle whistle chains		18.00
1 dozen whistle hooks		9.00
4 Sam Brown belts complete with Holster, cartridge	@ 24.25	97.00
2 pairs PPD gilt 1/4"	@ 2.50	5.00
8 pairs PPD nickle 1/4"	@ 2.50	20.00
1 snake strap		1.50
1 gilt cord		1.50
80 shoulder emblems	@ 1.10	88.00
1 pair Sgt. chevrons		.90
12 service bars	@ .25	3.00

Sub-total

\$280.40

CLOTHING

July 13, 1961

2 shirts	@ \$4.25	\$8.50
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July 21, 1961

8 Police hats with back straps	@ \$6.25	\$50.00
7 pairs of trousers, new braid	@ 5.25	36.75

August 11, 1961

1 pair trousers		\$24.90
1 shirt		16.00
6 pairs trousers, new braid	@ \$5.25	31.50

August 10, 1961

1 cap		\$5.75
2 shirts	@ \$16.00	49.80
7 caps alt. new braid	@ 1.00	7.00
1 shirt		16.00
1 pair trousers		24.90

June 14, 1961

12 pairs trousers	@ \$24.90	\$298.80
7 F.B.T./w shirts	@ 16.00	112.00
8 hats	@ 5.75	46.00
7 shirts		112.00
12 service bars	@ .25	3.00
1 pair of breeches		32.90

October 3, 1961

9 Blouses	@ \$54.50	\$490.50
6 stars gold bullion	@ .75	4.50
1 pair Sgt. chevrons	@ .85	.85

Total of Clothing

\$1,437.45

\$1,437.45	Cost of all clothing
280.40	Cost of all equipment

<u>\$1,717.85</u>	Grand total of purchases made by the POLICE RELIEF ASSOCIATION
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Compliments
of
PROVINCETOWN INN
and MOTEL

Chester G. Peck, Jr., Mgr.

